

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MOUNT HOPE GRANT

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## Introduction

For the first part of my Environmental Studies Honors thesis I used the Mount Hope Grant as a site for a research project. I soon realized how fortunate I was to have this resource at my disposal. But at the same time, I also became aware of problems with the management of this resource. My first inclination was to assume that these problems could be solved by implementing a "Mount Hope Grant Management Plan"--and I initially decided to show why such a plan was essential. I interviewed those who use the Mount Hope property, those who manage it, and those who are in other ways familiar with it. I researched the history of this property, and considered the function of management plans. In the end, instead of convincing myself that this property required a formal management plan, I decided that it required only minor changes in its maintenance and administrative policies. The following paper describes some of what I learned about the Mount Hope Grant; an evaluation of its current management; and recommendations for its future management.